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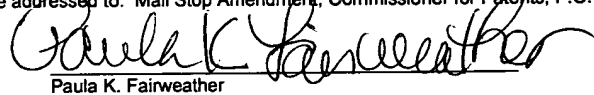
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT AND
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Please find the following remarks and amendments in response to the Restriction/Election of Species Requirement mailed July 26, 2006.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.